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Box Score

Quick Start Helps Augusta Hold Off Women's Basketball, 79-64

AUGUSTA

ARMSTRONG STATE

79	Final	1	2	3	4	T	64
	AUGUSTA (10-7, 5-6 PBC)	20	15	21	23	79	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (7-12, 3-7 PBC)	9	10	20	25	64	



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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Augusta University women's basketball team scored the game's first nine points, opening up a 20-9 first-quarter lead and going on to a 79-64 Peach Belt Conference victory over host Armstrong State University on Wednesday evening at Alumni Arena.

The Jaguars improved to 10-7 overall and 5-6 in the PBC with the

GAME LEADERS

AUGUSTA

Pts: Joshlyn Belcher - 22

Reb: Brianna Middleton - 13

Ast: Mallory Myers - 4

ARMSTRONG STATE

win, while Armstrong State fell to 7-12 overall and 3-7 in the league with the loss. The Pirates return to action on Saturday, traveling to UNC Pembroke for a 1:30 p.m. contest against the Braves.

Augusta raced out to its 9-0 lead in the game's first four minutes and held a dominating 8-1 edge in offensive rebounding in the first quarter en route to the 20-9 lead. The Jaguars extended that lead to 35-19 at halftime and led by as many as 20 points in the second half.

The Pirates cut the lead to 10 points on a three-pointer by junior **Mercedes Jenkins** that made the score 67-57 with 2:35 left, but Armstrong State could not get the margin within single digits the rest of the way.

Jenkins finished the game with 18 points to lead the Pirates, adding five steals. Junior **Machala Raymonville** chipped in 15 points, while sophomore **Brianna Gipson** added 12 point.

Augusta placed three players in double figures as well, led by Joshlyn Belcher's 22 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor, including 6-of-8 from three-point range. In three career games at Alumni Arena, Belcher has hit 14-of-20 shots from long range. Brianna Middleton added a double-double of 14 points and 13 rebounds while Breonna O'Conner added 12 points.

Augusta finished the game with a 44-31 edge in rebounds, including a 13-7 advantage on the offensive glass. The Pirates shot 38.3 percent from the field (23-of-60) while the Jaguars shot 44.4 percent from the field (28-of-63).



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TEAM STATS		
AUGUSTA	ARMSTRONG STATE	
(28-63)	Field Goals	(23-60)
44.4%	Field Goal %	38.3%
44	Rebounds	31
14	Assists	10
15	Turnovers	19
21	Pts off Turnovers	10
14	2nd Chance Pts	9
32	Pts in the Paint	24
14	Fastbreak Pts	2
31	Bench Pts	28
FULL STATS		



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